

Increases, Decreases, Ratios, and Percentages

WHAT IS "AVERAGE"?

The 52 megachurches average size was 3,865
 The 65 emerging megachurches average size was 1,419
 All 117 churches average size was 2,506
 Total attendance of all 117 churches on an average weekend 293,191
 Total attendance for Easter 2006 was 521,724
 Total baptisms for all of 2006 was 20,341

STATE BY STATE

Number of churches reported in each state
 18—Indiana
 12—California
 11—Ohio
 9—Arizona, Illinois
 8—Kentucky
 6—Colorado
 5—Florida, Texas
 4—Missouri, Nevada
 3—Idaho, Kansas, North Carolina, Washington
 2—Georgia, Wisconsin, Oregon
 1—Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia
 26 states have a megachurch listed

SUSTAINING GROWTH

18 of 95 churches grew 5% or more for 3 straight years.
 6 of 95 grew 10% or more for 3 straight years.
 8 churches grew 5% or more for 4 years.
 6 churches grew 5% or more for 5 years.
 3 churches grew 10% or more for 5 straight years.

5 straight years growing over 10% per year (2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002):

- Real Life Ministries, Post Falls, ID (16%, 18%, 46%, 21%, 67%).
- River Tree Christian, Massillon, OH (14%, 15%, 17%, 10%, 10%).
- Southeast Christian, Parker, CO (26%, 19%, 13%, 23%, 21%).

5 straight years growing over 5% per year—Almost 10%! (2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002):

- Northside Christian, New Albany, IN (8%, 18%, 23%, 26%, 28%)
- Christ's Church at Mason, OH (14%, 18%, 12%, 13%, 8%)
- Community Christian, Naperville, IL (10%, 17%, 9%, 18%, 20%)

FASTEST-GROWING

Fastest-Growing Churches in 2006:

- Southpoint Community Christian, Trenton, MI, 42%
- Spring of Life Christian, Mesa, AZ, 34%
- Tomoka Christian, Ormond Beach, FL, 32%
- Parkview Christian, Orland Park, IL, 32%
- Savannah (GA) Christian Church, 31%

Fastest-Growing Churches since 1997:

- Christ's Church of the Valley, Peoria, AZ, 405%
- Northside Christian, New Albany, IN, 329%
- Canyon Ridge Christian, Las Vegas, NV, 217%
- Central Christian, Henderson, NV, 211%
- Indian Creek Christian, Indianapolis, IN, 190%

Fastest-Growing Churches since 2001:

- Real Life Ministries, Post Falls, ID, 301%
- Savannah (GA) Christian, 167%
- Northside Christian, New Albany, IN, 152%
- Southeast Christian, Parker, CO, 152%
- Community Christian, Naperville, IL, 99%

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LARGEST INCREASES

Largest Increase In Attendance, 1 year:

- Central Christian, Henderson, NV, 1,795
- Savannah (GA) Christian, 1,097
- Real Life Ministries, Post Falls, ID, 806
- Parkview Christian, Orland Park, IL, 781
- Southeast Christian, Parker, CO, 729

Largest Increase In Attendance, 3 years:

- Real Life Ministries, Post Falls, ID, 2,991
- Central Christian, Henderson, NV, 2,781
- Christ's Church of the Valley, Peoria, AZ, 2,275
- Savannah (GA) Christian, 1,830
- Northside Christian, New Albany, IN, 1,743

GROWTH AND SHRINKAGE IN 2006

5 churches grew more than 26%

22 churches grew between 11% and 26%

17 churches grew between 6% and 10%

21 churches grew between 1% and 5%

6 churches were stagnating between 0.4% and -0.4%

22 churches declined between 1% and 5%

7 churches declined between 6% and 10%

7 churches declined more than 11%

Overall:

60.7% grew and 39.3% stagnated or declined

The average 1-year growth rate was 4.4%

The median 1-year growth rate was 3.8%

The 52 megachurches grew 6.3% in the past year

The 55 emerging megachurches grew 2.7% in the past year

NEW EMERGING MEGACHURCHES

- The Crossing, Quincy, IL, 1,906
- Eagle (ID) Christian, 1,878
- Abundant Life Church, Happy Valley, OR, 1,821
- The Crossing, Las Vegas, NV, 1,237
- Manchester (NH) Christian, 1,210
- Parkway Christian, Surprise, AZ, 1,200
- Eastridge Community, Covington, GA, 1,134
- Crosspointe Church, Cary, NC, 1,116
- Christ's Church of the Valley, Royersford, PA, 1,091
- Second Church of Christ, Danville, IL, 1,025

MOST BAPTISMS 1998-2006

- Southeast Christian, Louisville, KY, 10,588
- Central Christian, Henderson, NV, 5,756
- Christ's Church of the Valley, Peoria, AZ, 4,871
- Shepherd of the Hills Church, Porter Ranch, CA, 4,327
- Crossroads Christian, Corona, CA, 4,022

BAPTISM RATIO

2006 Average ratio, Baptisms per 100—7.01
(This ratio has held between 6.95 and 7.22 in the last 5 years. The average for the past 9 years is 7.21.)

Top 5 churches with the highest baptism ratio per 100 (2-year average):

- Southpoint Community Christian, Trenton, MI, 15.4 per 100
- Crossroads Christian, Grand Prairie, TX, 15.0
- Tomoka Christian Church, Ormond Beach, FL, 14.5
- Legacy Christian, Overland Park, KS, 11.6
- Central Christian, Henderson, NV, 11.5

Highest Total Baptisms in 2006:

- Central Christian, Henderson, TX, 1,155
- Southeast Christian, Louisville, KY, 1,034
- Christ's Church of the Valley, Peoria, AZ, 764
- Shepherd of the Hills Church, Porter Ranch, CA, 640
- Real Life Ministries, Post Falls, ID, 631

WORSHIP AT OUR MEGAS

The average megachurch offers 4 service times.

Of the 470 total services offered, 68.5% were described as **contemporary**, 19.8% as **blended**, 6.0% as **traditional**, and 5.7% as **modern/alternative**. In addition, several of the churches offer **Hispanic** services.

58% of the churches offer only one style, 42% offer more than one style.

51 of 115 megachurches offer contemporary services only.

- Those churches grew on average 6.3% in 2006. Category leaders:
- Southpoint Community Christian, Trenton, MI, up 42.2%
 - Spring of Life, Mesa, AZ, up 34%

15 of 115 megachurches offer contemporary and traditional,

- those churches grew on average 5.6% in 2006. Category leaders:
- Tomoka Christian, Ormond Beach, FL, up 32.1%
 - Central Christian, Beloit, WI, up 13.4%

17 of 115 megachurches offer blended

- services only, those churches grew on average 4.5% in 2006. Category leaders:

- First Christian Church of Newburgh (IN), up 15.8%
- Legacy Christian, Overland Park, KS, up 15.6%

10 of 115 megachurches offer 3 service styles and those churches grew on average 3.5% in 2006. Category leaders:

- Christ's Church at Mason (OH), up 14.4%
- Connection Pointe Christian of Brownsburg (IN), up 8.9%

10 of 115 megachurches offer contemporary and blended, those churches grew on average 1.1% in 2006. Category leaders:

- Hillside Christian, Amarillo, TX, up 15.7%
- Lakeside Christian, Lakeside Park, KY, up 12.3%

12 of 115 megachurches offer contemporary and modern/alternative services, those churches grew on average 0.8% in 2006. Category leaders:

- Summit Christian, Sparks, NV, up 13.9%
- Mount Pleasant Christian, Greenwood, IN, up 4.1%

No churches offered only traditional or only modern/alternative.

EASTER

The Easter attendance was 1.73 times a church's yearly average

Churches with the greatest Easter multiple:

- Crossroads Christian, Corona, CA, 3.70
- Northside Christian, Clovis, CA, 3.15
- Second Church of Christ, Danville, IL, 2.44
- Crossroads Christian, Evansville, IN, 2.43
- Christ's Church of Flagstaff (AZ), 2.31

Churches with the largest Easter services:

- Southeast Christian, Louisville, KY, 29,386
- Christ's Church of the Valley, Peoria, AZ, 22,000
- Crossroads Christian Church, Corona, CA, 21,028
- Central Christian Church, Henderson, NV, 18,683
- Shepherd of the Hills Church, Porter Ranch, CA, 14,000

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